

Aunt Patsy is ninety-one years old, yet her eyes and teeth remain good. She has been at the home ten years. She will tell you of the pioneer days of Lexington, of the old block house, and of many ancient deeds unknown to you and me. She was twice married and both husbands met with sudden death. A twin-sister also died suddenly. Aunt Patsy is a cripple, but she sits and cuts carpet rags, cheerful and animated, asking only for enough rags to keep her busy. She is a Northern Methodist, and her church people recently celebrated her birthday handsomely.

Mother Steele is very old and blind, yet she threads the needle readily by touch, and sews carpet rags all morning in her corner. She has been there fourteen years. Husband and children were taken from her, yet she is cheerful and patient. She is a member of the Main St. Christian church.

Aunt Jose finds the burden of life hard to bear, yet she is faithful to her chosen work, which is that of cook. She, too, is alone in the world. The First Baptist church is her place of membership.

Aunt Susan is seventy-eight. She is patient and lovely, and sews for the inmates of the Home. She has been there only three years.

Mother G. is seventy-two and she too, has her cross to bear. She lost husband and child in one week, and was left alone. She believes blind Milton, who said, "They also serve who only stand and wait."

But down in the basement you will find a merry, happy old woman, Aunt Amy. She was married three times, and her husbands were all named John. How odd! She surely has only pleasant memories, apart from death's covetous hand, for she is sunshine itself. She was husking green corn for dinner, at my last visit, and on her knee perched a very knowing chicken, a young rooster with his first spurs, named Dick. Dick talked all the while in an extremely high tenor key, and he could hardly wait for her to break away the husks before his bill was pecking inside for a chance worm hidden in the silk tuft. He found a good many, too, and he evidently knew just as much about it as she did. When she had finished one, he turned eagerly to the basket for another.

How pleasant, friends, to turn away from sickness and pain to this refuge for the aged. What would become of them without such a shelter? Hundreds have come and gone, some to good homes elsewhere, others to their last long home.

All glory be to Him, who hath put it into the hearts of his people to let this light shine before men.

Yours in Christian love,
Aunt Jean.

Donations.

To the home of the Friendless within the month: the Lexington daily papers; ice from the Lexington Ice Co.; kindling from Messrs. Bell, McGuire and Slade; and from the Main St. Christian church, a quantity of bread and meat.

At the Charity Organization, Mrs. Wm. Bruce, President; several beds completely equipped have recently been donated by Crab Orchard ladies, and a sewing-machine by Mrs. Zinn, of this city.

Thanks Column.

Mrs. J. Warren, of Paris, aged eighty-two, has donated a quilt to the Infirmary made by herself. She feels like helping in this good work, with all the enthusiasm of youth. Thank you, Mrs. Warren, for your kindly sympathy with the sick. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

The Hercules Ice Co. has manifested substantial interest in the Infirmary by donating ice, which is duly appreciated by managers and inmates.

The managers of the Infirmary return thanks to Milward & Frost, for hauling a carload of coal free of charge.

The Lexington Plumbing Co. has been exceedingly kind in rendering favors to the Infirmary.

Thanks are due Mr. J. R. Williamson for his liberality in work at the Infirmary.

Mrs. Annie Ryland, ever ready to help the poor and sick, has shown a bounteous hand in generous gifts to the Infirmary.

The Infirmary has been so much favored by Drs. Caldwell, Carrick and others, that the managers cannot keep silent, for out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth must speak, the praise to which they are entitled.

Mr. W. C. France, with her characteristic fervor, has conveyed to the "Board of Managers," her husband promises to assist in the erection of the addition to the Infirmary with five hundred dollars.

Received of the Lexington Record, one dollar from F. M. Vance, with the following notice: One dollar for sick of Infirmary without deduction and no paper.

N. B. Didlake, Treasurer. The Lexington Record begs that Mr. Vance will accept the paper as cheerfully as his dollar was received.

It would consume too much space to mention all of the many friends of the Protestant Infirmary, and their generous donation. Much of the list has been published in the daily papers. They are all remembered with gratitude.

Following are the donations for the month:

THE MONTH'S GIFTS TO THE INFIRMARY.
Bedside cup, from Mrs. Lyons; butter, Mrs. J. Innis; radishes, tomatoes, papers, individual sugars, grapes, a cake, tomatoes (for the nurses) Mrs. Warren; old flannel, cake, jelly, Mrs. Dudley; old flannel, Miss Harrison; biscuit-board and table, Mrs. Ryland; rolls, Mrs. Dudley; old flannel, Mrs. McDowell; two glasses of jelly, Mrs. A. Lancaster; flowers, Mrs. Didlake; papers and old linen, Mrs. Morton; ½ dozen cups and saucers and old linen, Mrs. Ryland; five night shirts from the Guild; grapes and tomatoes, Mrs. Edgar; sugar bowl for nurses, Mrs. War-

ren; Louisville Times and flowers, from Miss Gunn; bag of flour, Mrs. Ben Bruce; slippers and papers, Mrs. France; flowers, Mrs. McChesney.

Cash donations: \$5 from Mrs. Edw. Rothe; \$10 from Mr. Hart Boswell; \$20 from Mr. J. C. Bryant, proceeds of sale of soda water; \$5 from Mr. Len Price.

The Orphans' Home.

The Board of Managers of the Orphan Asylum gratefully acknowledge the following donations for July and August: Basket of cakes and ham from Main-street Christian church; Chas. Bell, kindling wood; Henry Vogt, lemons, cucumbers, cabbage and beets; Squire Crenshaw, raspberries; Mrs. Shearer, honey; Mr. Al-Chiles, watermelons, oranges, ginger snaps, pies, candy and pop corn; Mrs. John Sott, toys and clothing for girls and boys; Miss Sue Scott, apples; Mrs. Dr. Green, handkerchiefs; Mrs. S. B. Cronly, soda water; Mrs. Simons, 40 loaves of bread; J. W. Lell, 25 loaves of bread; Lexington Ice Company, ice for the month, Hercules Ice Company, ice for the month; Lindsay & Neugent, yeast for the month; TRANSCRIPT and Leader, for the month; Mrs. Judge Walton, fish; Mrs. Henry Vogt, watermelons; Chief of Police Lusby, 9 chickens, lard, 2 sacks of corn; Mrs. William Milward, cakes; Main Street Christian church, butter, meat, salad, bread; a lady friend, oil cloth for dining-room tables; Mrs. R. D. Williams, hall burner; Mr. W. B. Emmal, tea; Mrs. Harrison, 65; Mrs. James Graves, chocolate cake; President DeLong, pop corn for the children at the Fair; W. H. Boswell, lemonade for the children at the Fair; A friend, basket of grapes; Mr. Henry Vogt, melons and grapes; Jno. W. Lell, 24 loaves of bread; Mr. Simons, 35 loaves and rolls; Lindsey & Neugent, yeast for the month; Lexington Ice Co.; and Hercules Ice Co., ice for the month; TRANSCRIPT and Leader, for the month.

The Sunday Law.

A number of citizens have been using strong persuasive power to bring about litigation that will secure rest and holiness on Sunday. Two many there is no difference in days, so far as work and pleasure are concerned.

The Charity Organization.

The charter for this institution authorizes the summary disposition of beggars, tramps, and uncared-for children wherever found. In its workings it proves to be the great artery whence flows patronage to various branches. Children may be legally bound to the Home, if it is proved that they are not being brought up in comfort and in morality. They may be sent to the hospitals if sick, and to good homes if able to work. While in the Home they receive instruction. There is no class of criminal, or wanderer for whom a suitable refuge may not be found by this charity. Mrs. Wm. Bruce is President, and her efforts to swell the funds, have been most indefatigable and praiseworthy. There are ten children at the Home at present,

five of whom are bound to the managers. Little Mary is very grateful for the care bestowed upon her. Her case was a peculiarly appealing one, as reported by the daily papers. "Just let me touch you," she said, as she stroked the gown of her benefactress the other day, thus timidly expressing the gratitude that swelled her orphaned heart.

Now that the winter is coming on, send old clothing and provisions. Anything left at Berryman's or Kinnear, will be received and conveyed promptly to the Home. The institution is out of debt, and the treasury is benignly judiciously managed. The children passed through the summer without sickness. Daily they pray blessings upon Mr. Stoll, for the loan of their healthful, beautiful home.

Notes.

Subscriptions to The Record are coming in from all sides, far and near.

The Main Street Christian church will give the collections on the fourth Sunday in October to the Infirmary. Will not the other churches do as well?

The friends of the Charity Organization are requested to meet every Wednesday afternoon at the Home on Sixth and Jefferson, to sew for the children.

The Charity Organization took in nearly \$500 at their booth, during the Fair. Of this they had a net profit of \$132.

The Home Of The Friendless has already sent in eleven subscribers to The Record.

The Infirmary is sending out nurses to private houses.

The Charity Organization earnestly solicits donations from the farmers, of potatoes and winter provisions.

The Woman's Guild have only thirty-two dollars of the one hundred required to buy coal enough to supply the city poor this winter.

Mrs. Winston, Mrs. Saffarans and Mrs. Voorhies have kindly consented to read to the sick at the Infirmary.

Religious service is held every Sunday at the Infirmary, at half-past four. Friends are invited to attend.

The Industrial School will open the first Saturday in October.

The Boys' Club for newsboys and bootblacks will open about the middle of October, under efficient management.

There are ten Protestant churches in this city for whites, and six for blacks. There are four Mission Chapels and two Roman Catholic churches.

St. Joseph's Hospital, under the care of the Catholic Sisterhood has about two hundred patients. The new brick addition for colored Patients is a much-needed improvement.

The W. C. T. U., will hold their annual State Convention at Richmond early in October. Six delegates will be sent from this city.